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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

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FROM: Arnold H. Zudick, Director of Representation

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RE: OPEN PERIOD FOR FILING REPRESENTATION PETITIONS

In 2006, the periods for the filing of timely representation petitions where there is a current agreement in effect are as follows:

1. Employees of the State of New Jersey, or any agency or subdivision thereof: a petition may be timely filed between 240 and 270 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement. This year, the period is Tuesday, October 3 through Thursday, November 2, 2006 (inclusive), where the agreement expires June 30, 2007.

2. Employees of a county or municipality, or any agency or subdivision thereof: a petition may be timely filed between 90 and 120 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement. This year, the period is Tuesday, September 5* through Monday, October 2, 2006 (inclusive), where the agreement expires December 31, 2006.

3. Employees of a school district: a petition may be timely filed during the period between Friday, September 1 and Monday, October 16,** 2006 (inclusive), within the last year of the agreement. This time period is also applicable to employees of county colleges.

"Contract expiration date" is the last effective date of the contract. A contract with a term of longer than 3 years will be treated as a 3-year agreement to determine filing times. N.J.A.C. 19:11-2.8(d).

Petitions filed with the Commission after the close of business on the final day of the open period will not be considered timely filed. An original showing of interest (not copies), as defined by the Commission's Rules, must accompany the petition in order for the petition to be considered as effectively filed.

A Petition for Certification should state whether the Petitioner seeks certification of card check or by election. Forms are available on the Commission's web site.

*Since the first day for filing falls on Saturday, September 2, we will accept filings starting Tuesday, September 5.

**Since the last day for filing falls on Sunday, October 15, we will accept filings ending Monday, October 16.